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Report of the Second Committee (Part III)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 89 (see A/49/729, para. 3). Action to be taken on sub-item (b) was considered at the 21st and 29th meetings, on 8 and 23 November 1994. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/49/SR.21 and 29).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/49/L.9

2. At the 21st meeting, on 8 November, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind" (A/C.2/49/L.9).

3. At the 29th meeting, on 23 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan P. Hamburger (Netherlands), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution, and orally revised the third preambular paragraph by replacing the words "Welcoming the offer" with the

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words "Reaffirming its deep appreciation for an acceptance of the generous offer".

4. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement pertaining to the conference servicing implications of the draft resolution (see A/C.2/49/SR.29).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.9, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 7).

6. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Algeria made a statement on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China (see A/C.2/49/SR.29).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

7. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/212 of 21 December 1990, 47/195 of 22 December 1992 and 48/189 of 21 December 1993,

Taking note of the reports of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on its sixth to tenth sessions, 1/ as well as the report of the Secretary-General on protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind, 2/

Reaffirming its deep appreciation for and acceptance of the generous offer of the Government of Germany to host the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change at Berlin from 28 March to 7 April 1995,

1. Welcomes the entry into force, on 21 March 1994, of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 3/ and notes with satisfaction that a large number of States and one regional economic integration organization have taken action to ratify the Convention, and calls upon other States to take appropriate action to that end;

1/ A/AC.237/24, 31, 41, 55 and 76.

2/ A/49/485.

3/ A/AC.237/18 (Part II)/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex I.

2. Urges the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change to complete fully, at its eleventh session, which is to be held from 6 to 17 February 1995 in New York, its plan of preparatory work for the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to provide, if possible, in the week preceding the eleventh session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, all necessary services to facilitate the adequate participation of all Member States in the consultation to be undertaken by the Chairman of the Committee during that week, as agreed by the Committee at its tenth session;

4. Requests the head of the interim secretariat to continue to promote cooperation and coordination with other competent entities, including those of the United Nations system, in support of the effective implementation of the Convention, aimed in particular at facilitating timely financial and technical assistance to developing country parties to enable them to comply with their commitments under the Convention;

5. Takes note with appreciation of previous contributions made and invites additional contributions to the extrabudgetary funds established under paragraphs 10 and 20 of its resolution 45/212, and maintained in accordance with its resolution 47/195, as a means of ensuring that developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, as well as small island developing States, are able to participate fully and effectively in the negotiating process and in the sessions of the Conference of the Parties;

6. Requests the Secretary-General, in the context of the arrangements within the current programme budget for the interim secretariat support for the Convention until 31 December 1995, to maintain the above-mentioned extrabudgetary funds;

7. Decides, in the same context, to include in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1994-1995 the sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties that the Conference may need to convene in 1995;

8. Decides to consider further the item entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind" at its fiftieth session, taking account of the final report of the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, as requested in paragraph 20 of General Assembly resolution 47/195, and of the report of the Conference of the Parties on its first session, and requests the Secretary-General to report to it at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution and on any possible implications arising from the report of the Conference on its first session.